

goods or services purchased or contracted for.

(5) Non-payment of a debt due to circumstances beyond the applicant's or borrower's control. However, non-payment of a debt due to circumstances within an applicant's or borrower's control may be used as an indication of unacceptable credit history, in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section. The mere fact that an applicant or borrower filed bankruptcy will not be used as an indication of unacceptable credit history. The circumstances causing the nonpayment of debt, i.e., whether nonpayment was beyond the applicant's or borrower's control, however, are proper considerations.

(d) *Current/Past FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 Loan History.* Current or previous delinquent FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 loans, as determined by reviewing the Current/Past Debt Inquiry System or the Borrower Cross-Reference Inquiry System, will be used to help determine the credit history of an applicant.

(e) *Delinquency on a Federal debt.* The Department of Housing and Urban Development Credit Alert Interactive Voice Response System (CAIVRS) will be used to help determine if an applicant is delinquent on any Federal debt.

[53 FR 35671, Sept. 14, 1988, as amended at 55 FR 21525, May 25, 1990; 55 FR 46188, Nov. 2, 1990; 56 FR 10147, Mar. 11, 1991; 60 FR 55122, Oct. 27, 1995; 61 FR 1109, Jan. 16, 1996; 61 FR 2899, Jan. 30, 1996; 61 FR 35921, July 9, 1996; 62 FR 28618, May 27, 1997]

§§ 1910.6–1910.9 [Reserved]

§ 1910.10 Preference.

(a) *Veterans.* (1) Veteran's preference is given to any person applying for an RH, FO, SW, or OL loan who has been honorably discharged, including clemency discharges, or released from the active forces of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and who served during a period of war, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(12).

(2) Veteran's preference will apply when:

- (i) There is a shortage of funds.
- (ii) Obligating forms are ready to be submitted to the Finance Office, and

(iii) There is more than one application having the same date.

(3) For Rural Housing applicants, veteran's preference will be extended to the spouses and children of deceased servicemen who died in service during one of the periods listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) *Farm Credit Programs (FCP) loans.* In addition to the veteran's preference, the preference set out in §1943.10 of subpart A of part 1943 of this chapter applies.

[53 FR 35671, Sept. 14, 1988, as amended at 61 FR 35922, July 9, 1996; 62 FR 9353, Mar. 3, 1997]

§ 1910.11 Special requirements.

(a) *Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.* Section 512(a)(D) of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, provides that an applicant for a direct housing loan from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must be "unable to obtain a loan for such purposes from the Secretary of Agriculture under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, or the Housing Act of 1949, as amended." Department of Veterans Affairs Loan Guaranty Officers may, therefore, require VA loan applicants to apply to the agency for loan assistance.

(b) *Veterans determined ineligible by the Agency.* If the veteran is unable to obtain a loan, the County Supervisor will, upon request, furnish the applicant with a rejection letter to be presented to the Loan Guaranty Officer. The Loan Guaranty Officer may consult with the County Supervisor regarding the investigation made by the Agency of the veteran's application and the specific reasons for rejection.

[61 FR 35922, July 9, 1996]

§§ 1910.12–1910.49 [Reserved]

§ 1910.50 OMB control number.

The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and have been assigned OMB control number 0575–0134. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 2 hours per response including time for

reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of collection of this information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Department of Agriculture, Clearance Officer, OIRM, room 404-W, Washington, DC 20250; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (OMB # 0575-0134), Washington, DC 20503.

[57 FR 19523, May 7, 1992]

EXHIBIT A TO SUBPART A OF PART 1910
[RESERVED]

EXHIBIT B TO SUBPART A OF PART 1910—
LETTER TO NOTIFY SOCIALLY DIS-
ADVANTAGED APPLICANTS/BOR-
ROWERS REGARDING THE AVAIL-
ABILITY OF DIRECT FARM OWNERSHIP
(FO) LOANS AND THE ACQUISITION/
LEASING OF FMHA OR ITS SUC-
CESSOR AGENCY UNDER PUBLIC LAW
103-354 ACQUIRED FARMLAND

United States Department of Agriculture

Farmers Home Administration or its
successor agency under Public Law 103-354

(Insert address)

Date _____

Dear _____:

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 has authority under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to target direct farm ownership (FO) loan funds to applicants/borrowers of socially disadvantaged groups. This program provides credit to applicants/borrowers of socially disadvantaged groups, at regular or reduced interest rates, to purchase or enlarge farms. In addition, the program provides that FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 acquired farmland be made available for sale or lease to applicants/borrowers of socially disadvantaged groups. Socially disadvantaged borrowers with existing direct FO loans may have their accounts deferred and/or reamortized at a reduced interest rate.

If you would like additional information regarding the availability of direct FO loans to, and/or the renting or buying of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 acquired farmland by, members of socially disadvantaged groups, you should contact my office.

Sincerely,

County Supervisor.

[57 FR 19523, May 7, 1992]

EXHIBIT C TO SUBPART A OF PART 1910—
LETTER TO NOTIFY APPLICANT(S)/
BORROWER(S) OF THEIR RESPON-
SIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH
FMHA OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY
UNDER PUBLIC LAW 103-354 FARMER
PROGRAM LOANS

NOTE: Exhibit C, referenced in this subpart, is available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office.

Subpart B—Credit Reports (Individual)

SOURCE: 49 FR 40790, Oct. 18, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1910.51 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes the policies and procedures of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for individual and joint type credit reports. Credit reports will be ordered to determine the eligibility of applicants requesting Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loans. A non-refundable fee will be charged the applicant.

[55 FR 46188, Nov. 2, 1990]

§ 1910.52 [Reserved]

§ 1910.53 Policy.

The County Supervisor will be responsible for ordering individual credit reports. These will be obtained on initial and rescheduled Farmer Program loans and on all initial Single Family Housing applications, except for those situations outlined in paragraph (c) of this section, to help determine the eligibility of the loan applicant, and when it appears the credit report will not have to be updated before loan closing.

[55 FR 46188, Nov. 2, 1990]